

## Lead Scientist's Report

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**Summary:** This report provides an update on the 2010 Proposal Solicitation Package of Delta-related scientific research (PSP), including information about the Final Review Panel Meeting held on January 19-20, 2011 and next steps.

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### **2010 Focused Proposal Solicitation Package Update**

In April 2010 the Council approved release of the Delta Science Program's 2010 Focused Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). The goal of the PSP is to invest in new scientific knowledge that will fundamentally advance the understanding of the complex environments/systems within the Council's jurisdiction to aid policy-makers and managers.

About \$8 million from Prop 84 will be used to fund research in four focused topic areas: Native Fish Biology and Ecology; Food Webs of Key Delta Species and their Relationship to Water Quality and Other Drivers; Coupled Hydrologic and Ecosystem Models; and Water and Ecosystem Management Decision Support System Development.

A total of 49 proposals requesting \$30,843,088 in funding were received by the June 30, 2010 deadline. An administrative review was performed to review the completeness and eligibility of proposals. Next, a minimum of two independent external scientific reviews were collected for each proposal.

On January 19-20, 2011 the Delta Science Program convened a Final Review Panel of 13 scientific experts to make proposal funding recommendations to Lead Scientist Cliff Dahm. Dahm will review the panel's recommendations and make his funding recommendations available for public comment on February 4, 2011. Dahm will consider public comment in bringing his proposal funding recommendations to the Council for approval at its February 24-25, 2011 meeting.

For more detailed information on the 2010 PSP and its process please visit:  
[http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta\\_science\\_program/research/psp\\_2010.html](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta_science_program/research/psp_2010.html)

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